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U.S. Tourist Calls Seriel Charge & Spying Silly'

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ner. a 77-year-old American tou. list accused of being a spy by the Russians, today called the unfounded

Two hours before boarding iram for Helsinki, Christner gav a point-by-point rebuttal of 0 Soviet statement to reporters the American Embassy,

Distraught over the charges, ti thin dark-haired student wit black horn-rinuned glasses e planed he had only been miorme a fille Russian accusation in the late afternoon hours after to news had been broadcast to the

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Christner was touring Mosorwith official intourist guides when the fioviet Foreign Ministry called in the United States Embases cultural counselor and accused the United States of using the tapple purpose of lourism-to pro make understanding" to sem spiinto the Soviet Union.

The Russians claimed the other tourists resic Christner who were spies

Today's latest apy accusate come in a rising vigilance can paign during which the Sov Union has alleged it tound Amen can spies in every caregory visitor or tourist that might com inte contact with Soviet citizens except journalists

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ROBERT CHRISTNER Expelled by Russians

ing intelligence from the first day of his arrival in the country. They accused him of taking pictures of ratiroads, radio aerials, high tension wires and of making sketches and taking notes.

"Of Course Not"

Were such charges true? Christner was asked. "Of course hot," he replied.

He explained that like most tour ists he took pictures, using s camera with color and with black and white film.

As he is a railroad anthusiasi he took some pictures of the No one old him that such objects were considered military targets in the Soviet Union.

The only sketch he made wa of a small square in Uningorod Christner said he took notes to keep track of his pictures of ordinary subjects but that then were a ways taken in the oper

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